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Chapter ____
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 10 March 2006. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers of other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2006/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 7 March 2006, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)

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Vice-Chairpersons:
Zhang Weimin (China)
Heli Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland)
Vladimir Sokolin (Russian Federation)

Rapporteur:
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)

D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2006/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Programme review: industrial statistics;
   (b) Distributive trade statistics;
   (c) Integrated economic statistics;
   (d) National accounts;
   (e) International economic and social classifications;
   (f) International Comparison Programme;
   (g) Environmental accounting;
   (h) Energy statistics;
   (i) Social statistics;
   (j) Principles governing international statistical activities;
   (k) Development indicators.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Health statistics;
   (c) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;
   (d) Poverty statistics;
   (e) Environment statistics;
   (f) Service statistics;
   (g) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;
   (h) International merchandise trade statistics;
   (i) Informal sector statistics;
   (j) Statistical capacity-building;

(k) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(l) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes.

5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its thirty-seventh session.

5. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2006/L.1), as orally amended.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at the thirty-seventh session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Bank for International Settlements, the European Central Bank, the International Energy Agency, and the Observatoire Économique et Statistique d'Afrique Subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-seventh session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.